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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

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Summary of the Upcoming Week



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Today

- **No significant weather impacts expected**

Wednesday – Saturday

- **Elevated fire weather conditions Wednesday across NM, far West Texas, and the TX/OK Panhandles**

River Flooding

- **Minor river flooding continues across parts of E&SE TX into LA/AR**
- **The Trinity River at Liberty in SE TX (Moderate Flood Stage) is forecast to drop below Flood Stage by Thursday**

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Dec 18, 2018 – Dec 22, 2018



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DAY / THREAT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Winter Weather					
Fire Weather		NM/far W TX TX/OK Panhandles			
River Flooding	E TX/LA/AR	E&SE TX/LA/AR	E&SE TX/LA/AR	SE TX/LA/AR	
	SE TX				

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
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	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
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For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

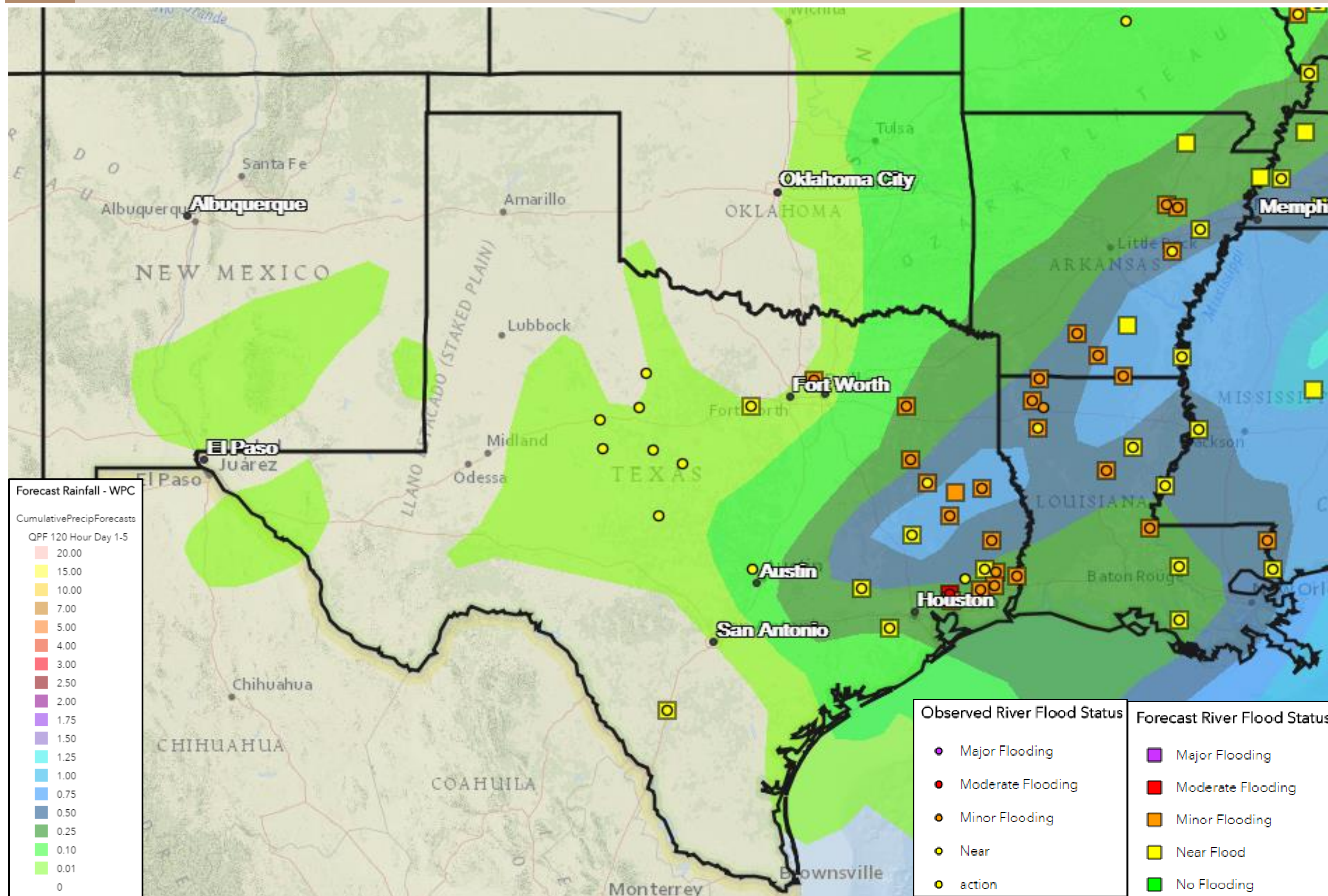


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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall

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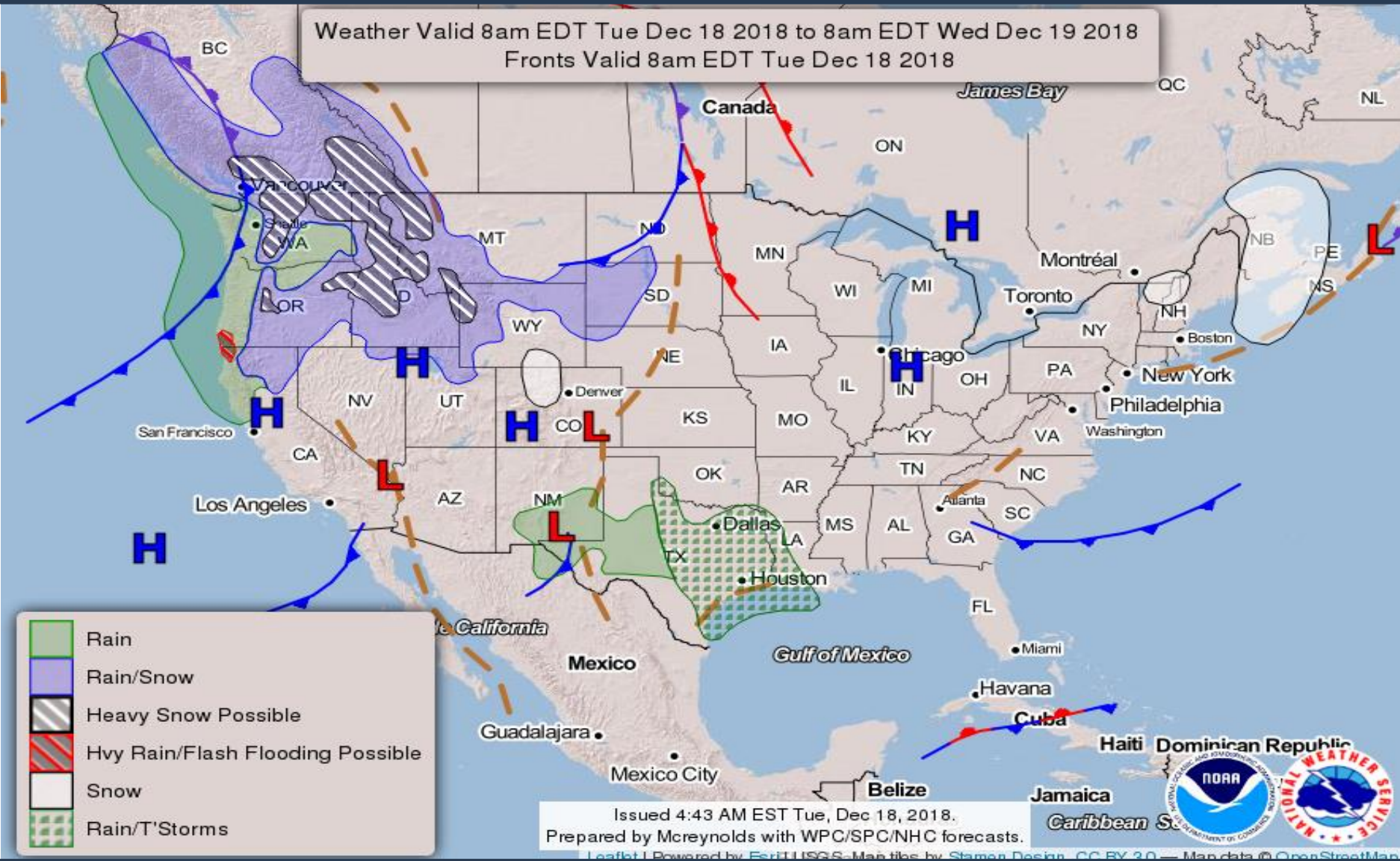


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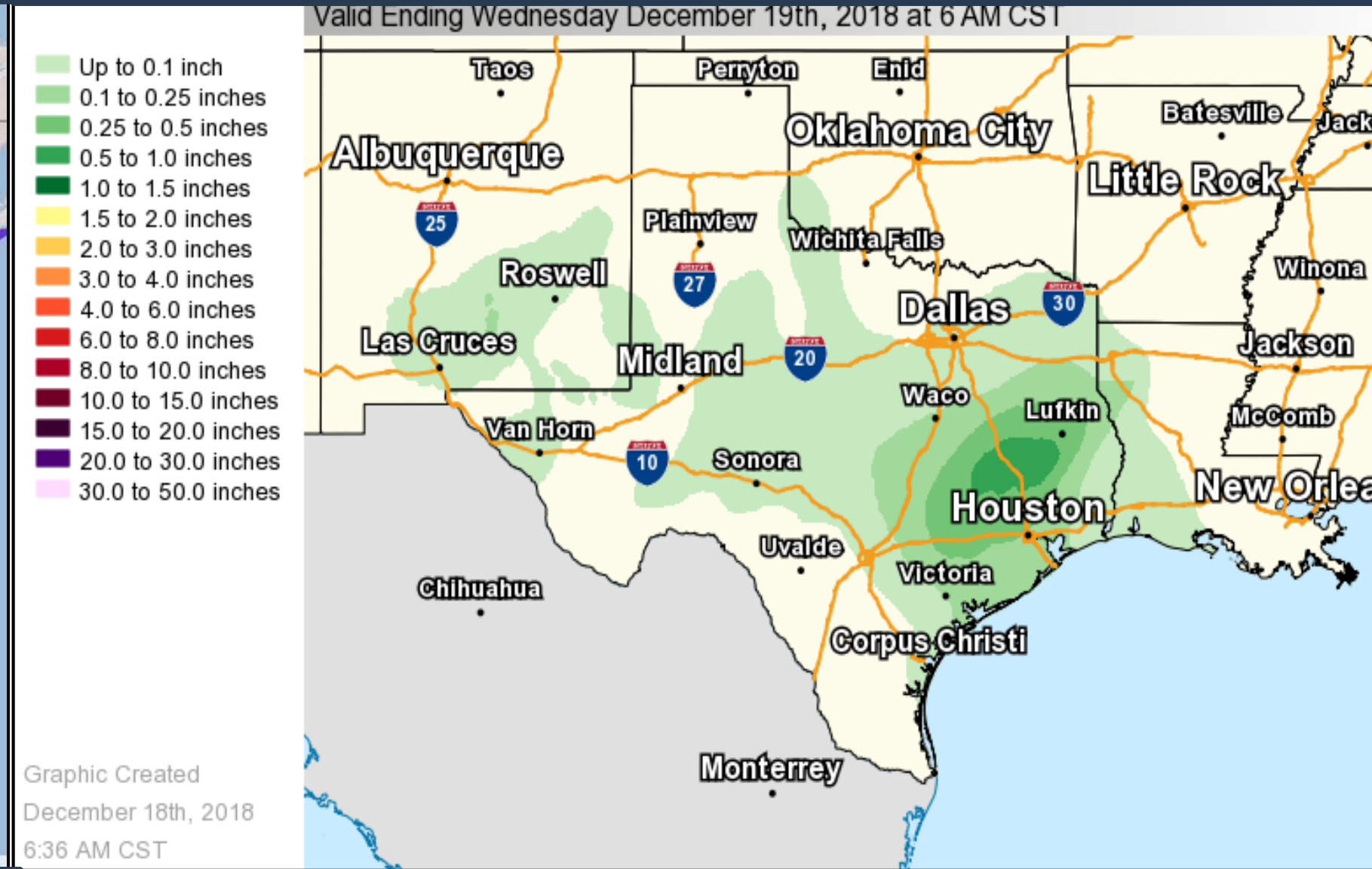


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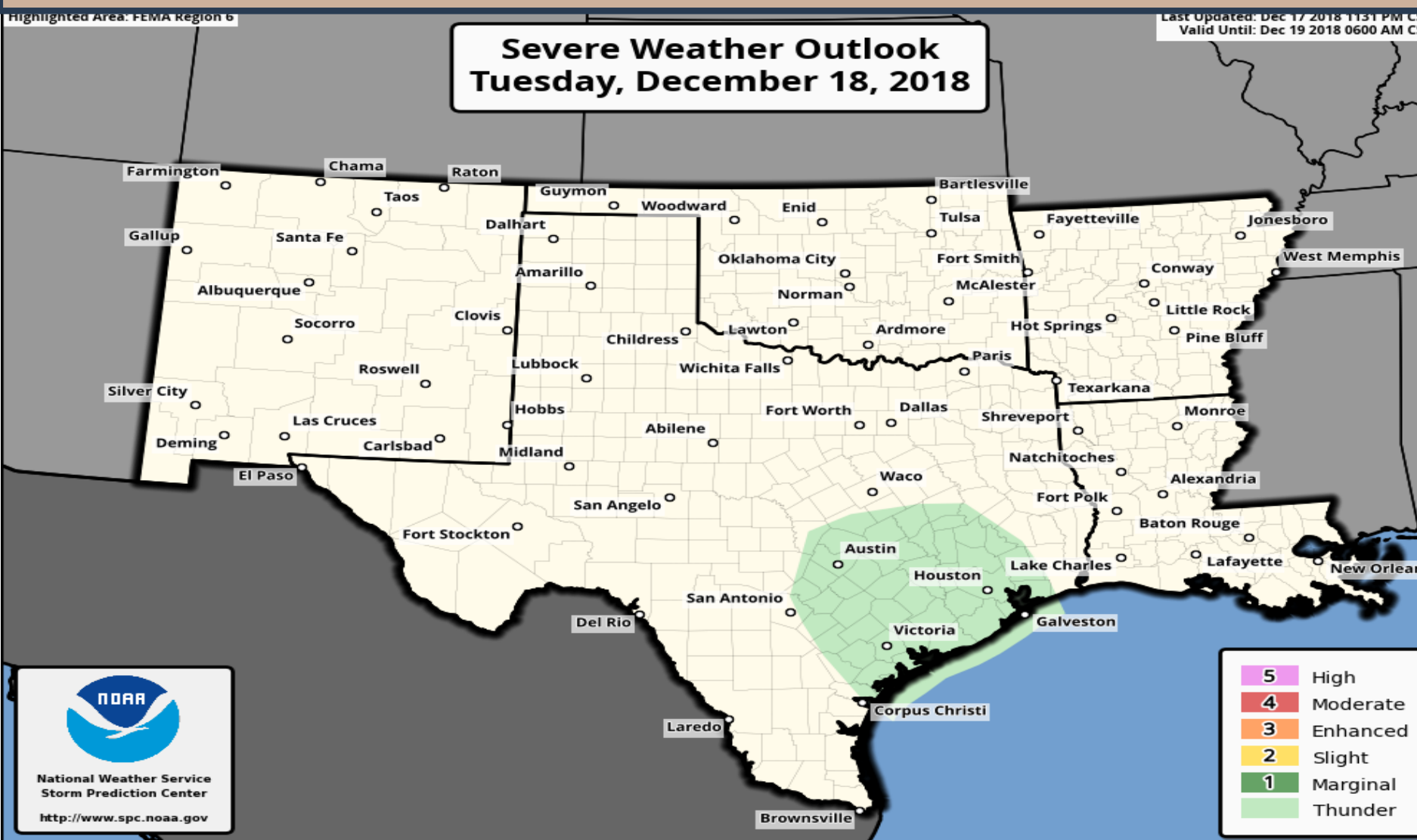


Forecast Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Tomorrow's Weather

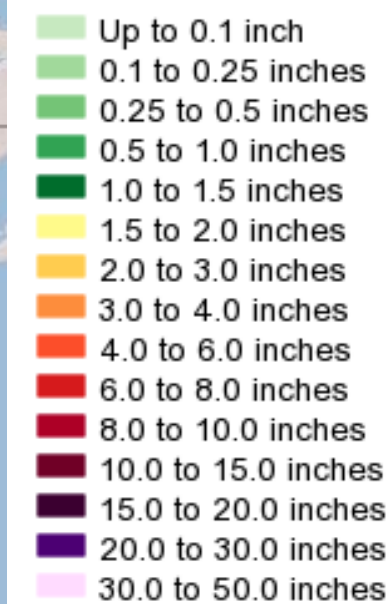
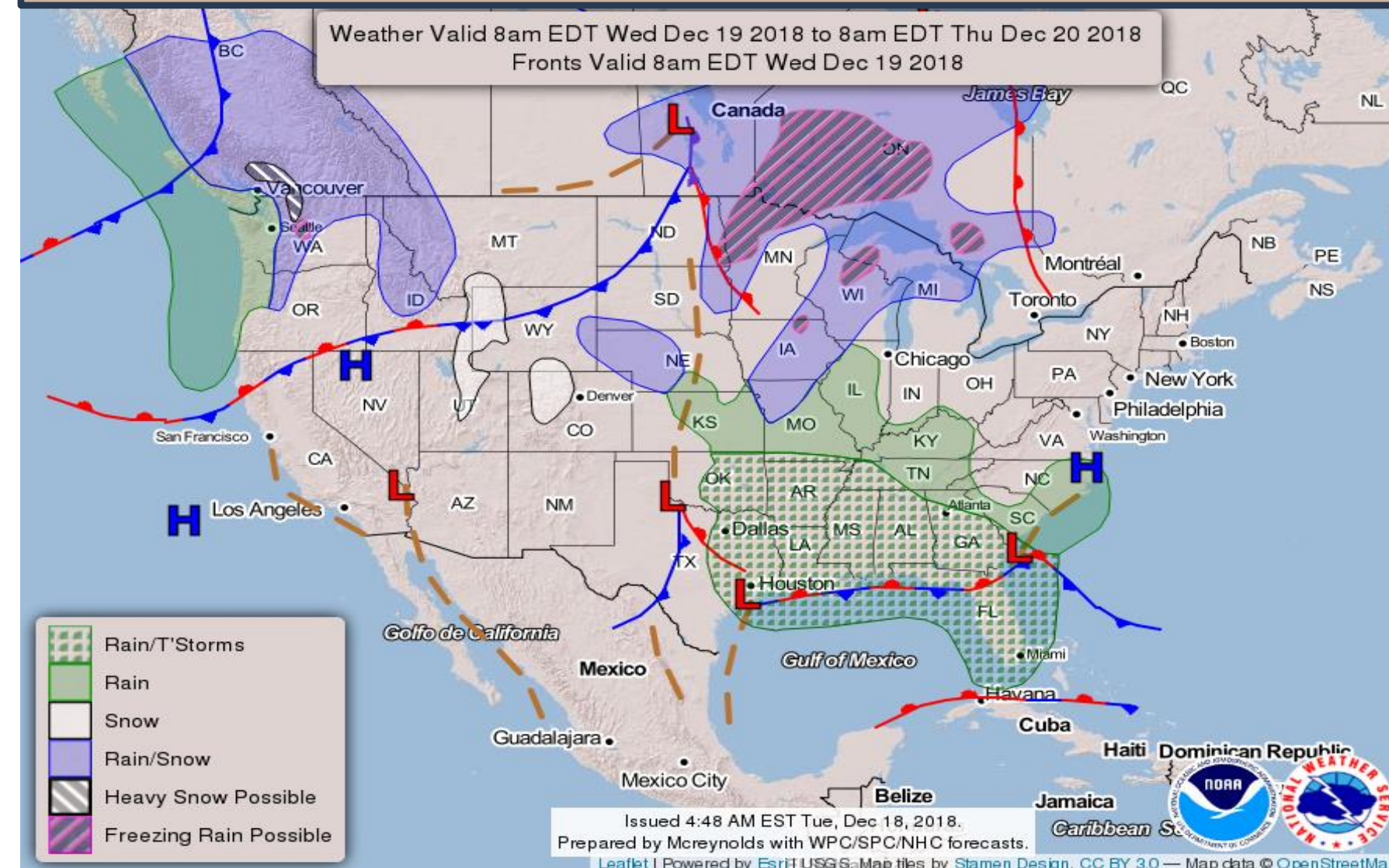


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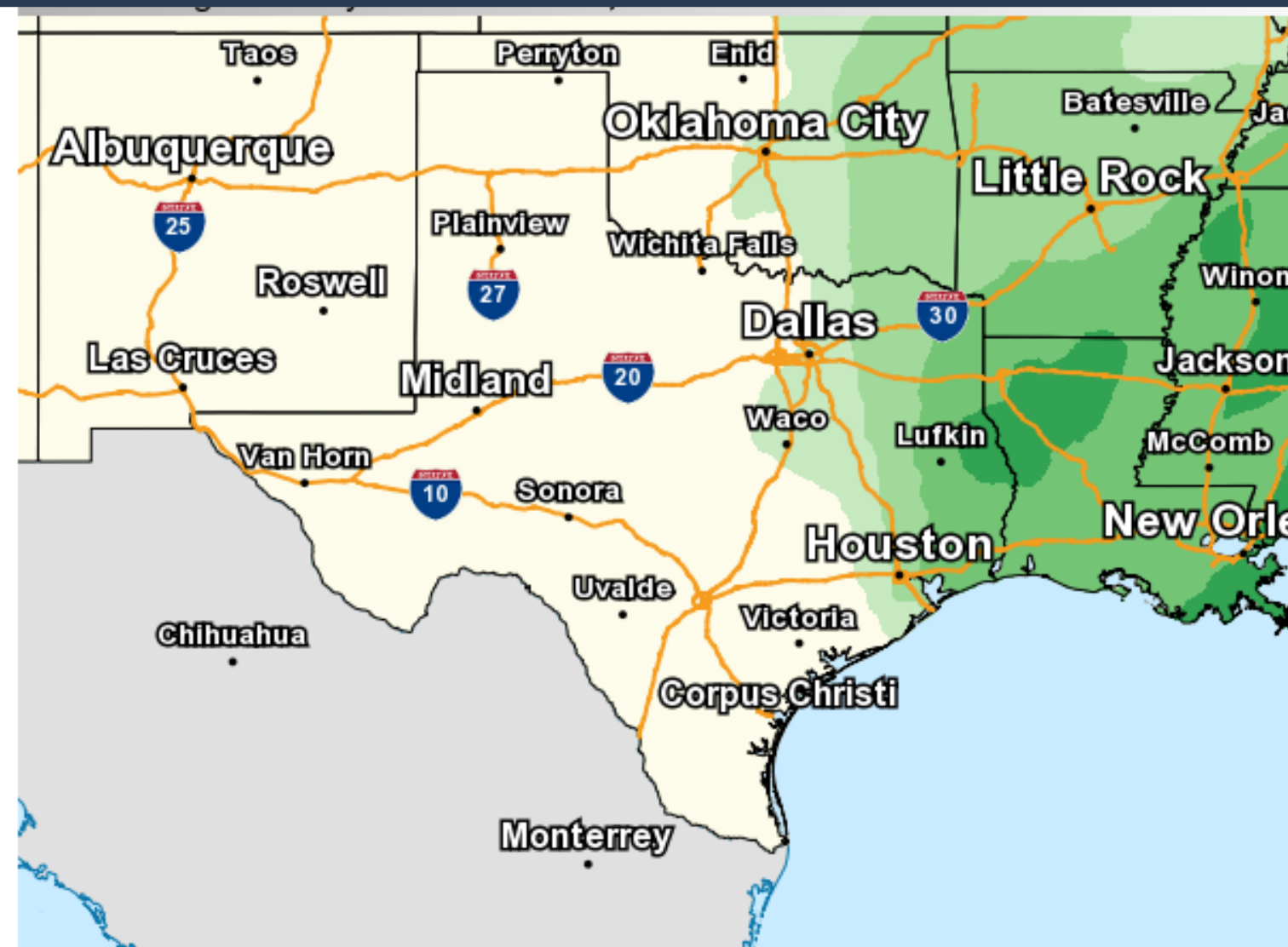
Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall

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Impacts Expected.

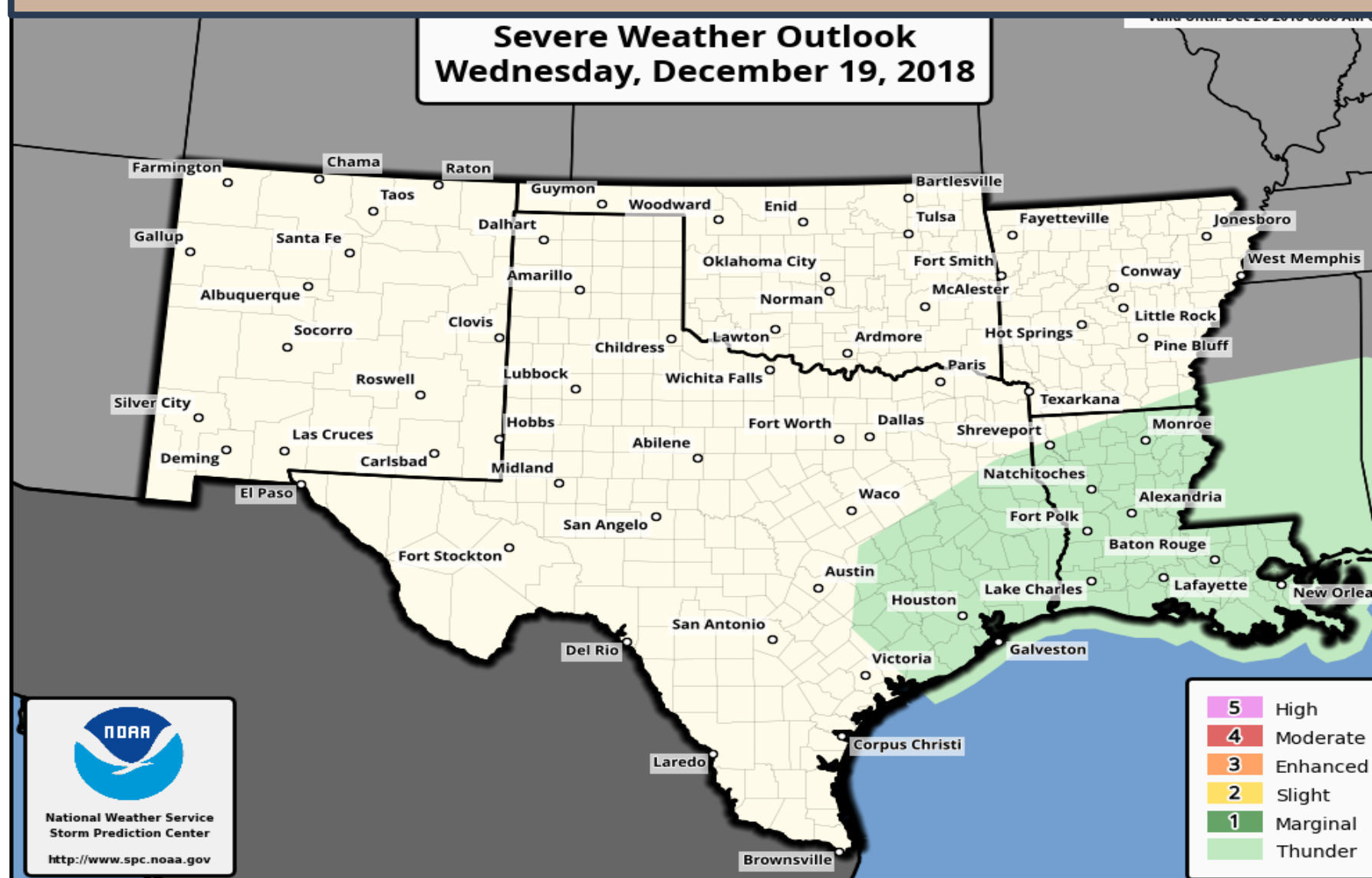


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Excessive Rainfall Outlook



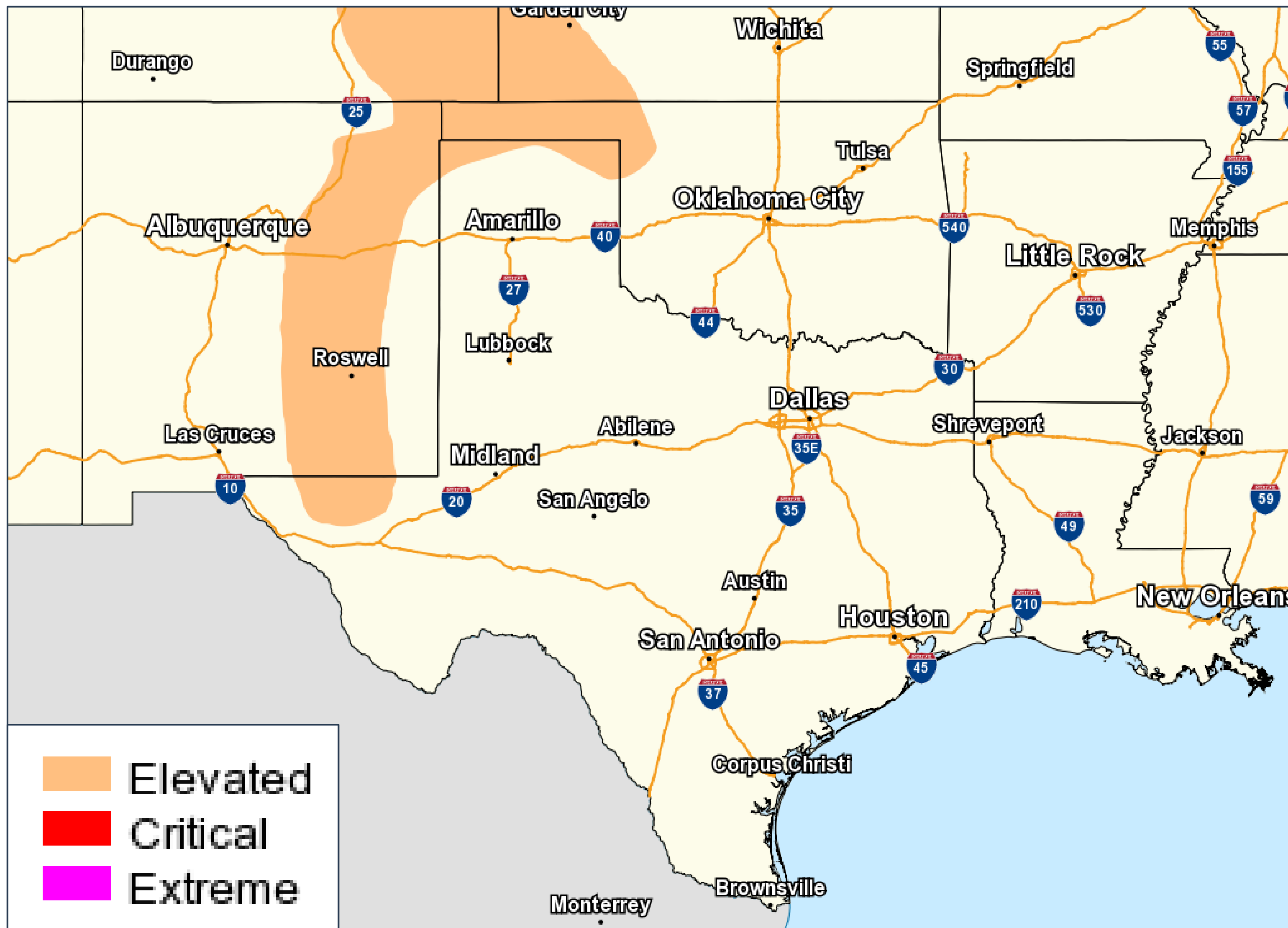
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Tomorrow's Fire Weather Outlook



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**Elevated fire weather conditions over NM,
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Thursday's Weather

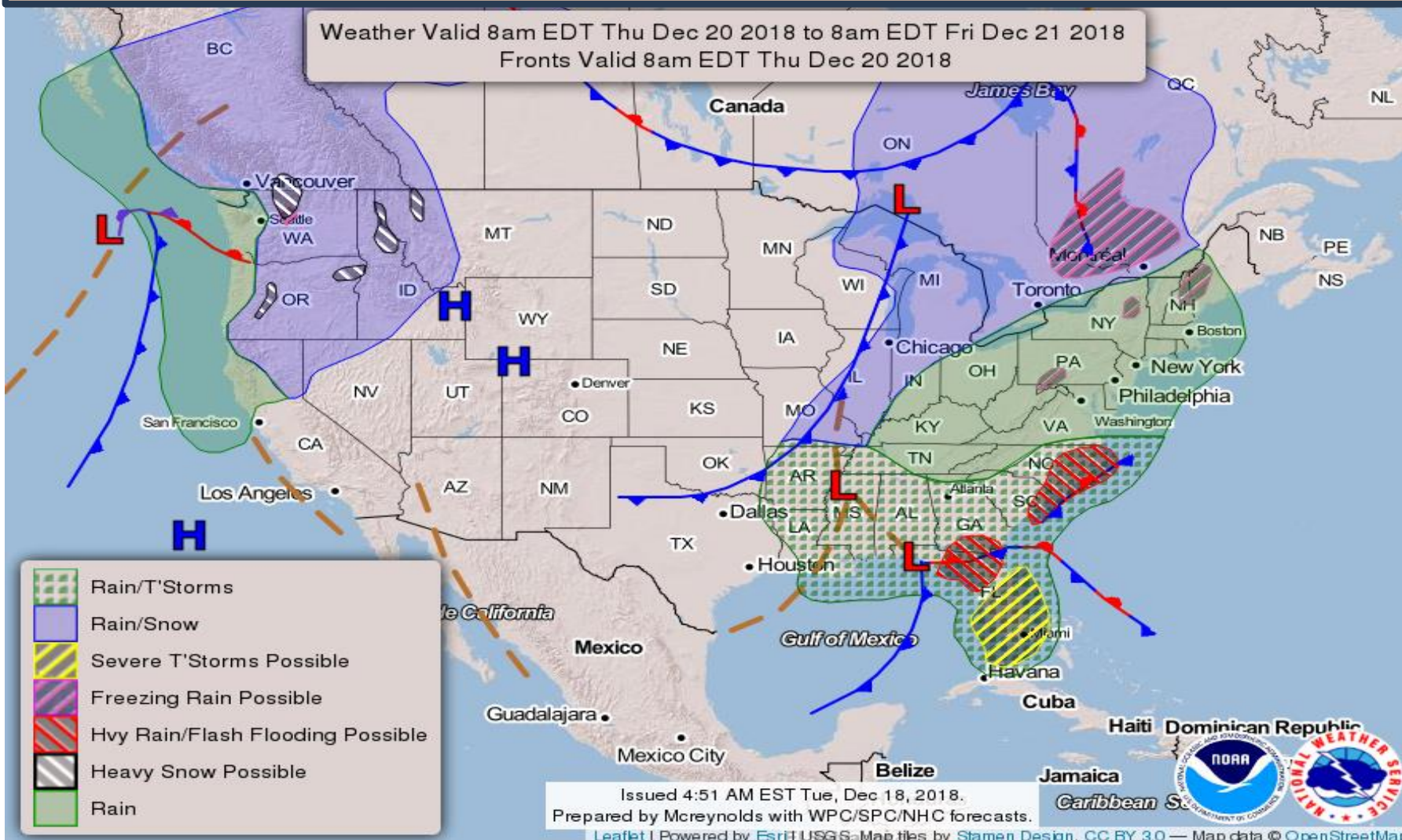


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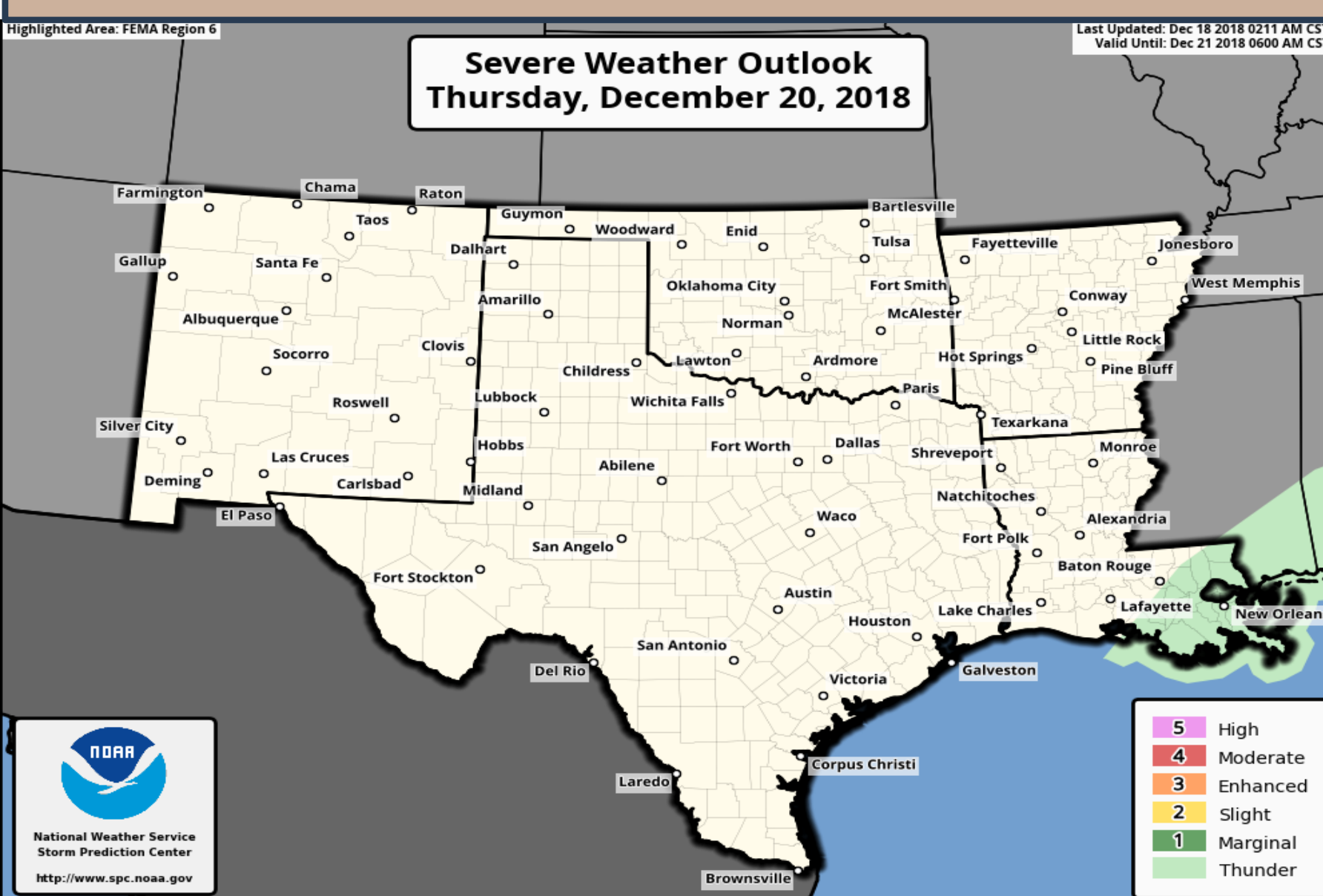
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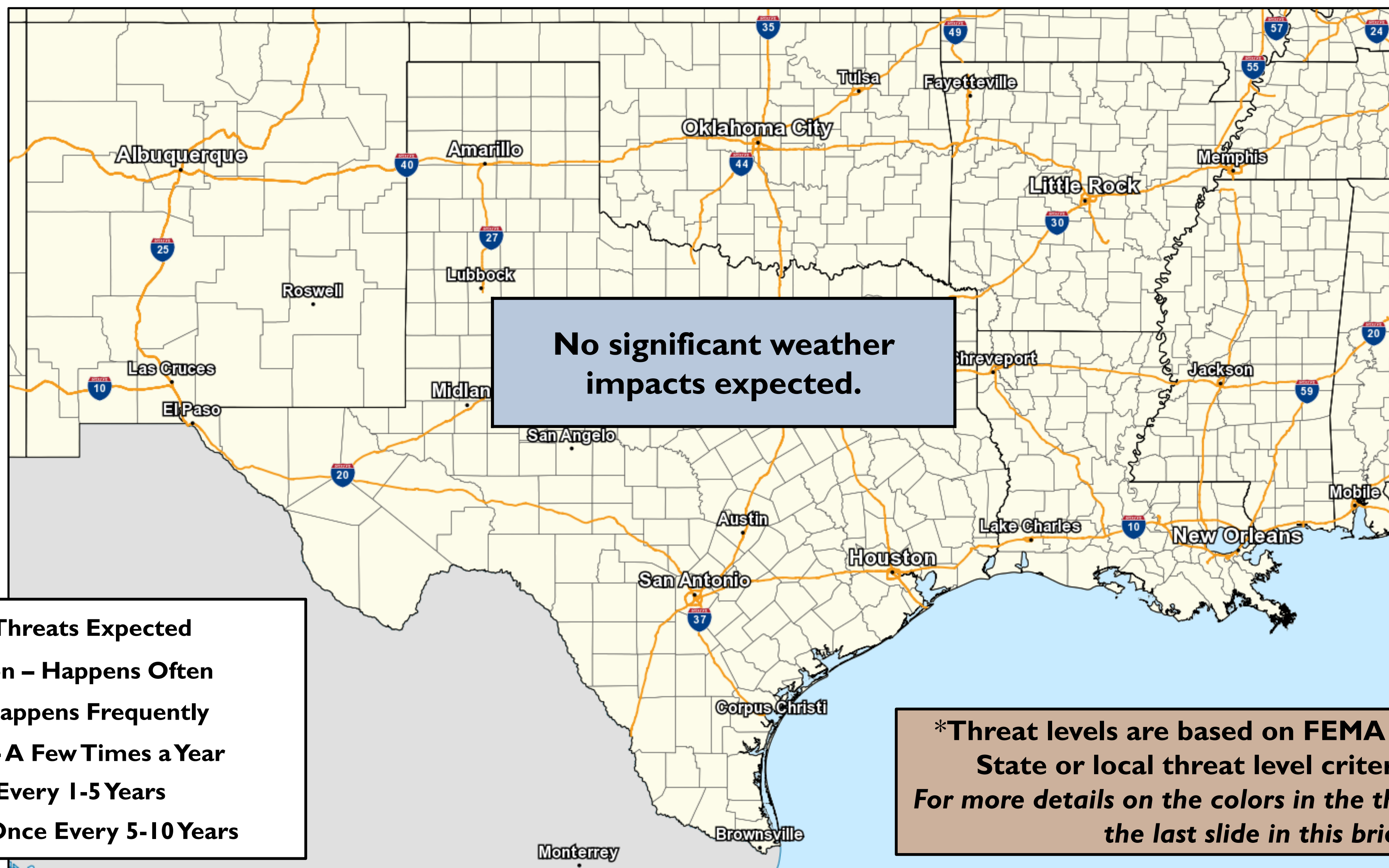


Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Friday – Saturday



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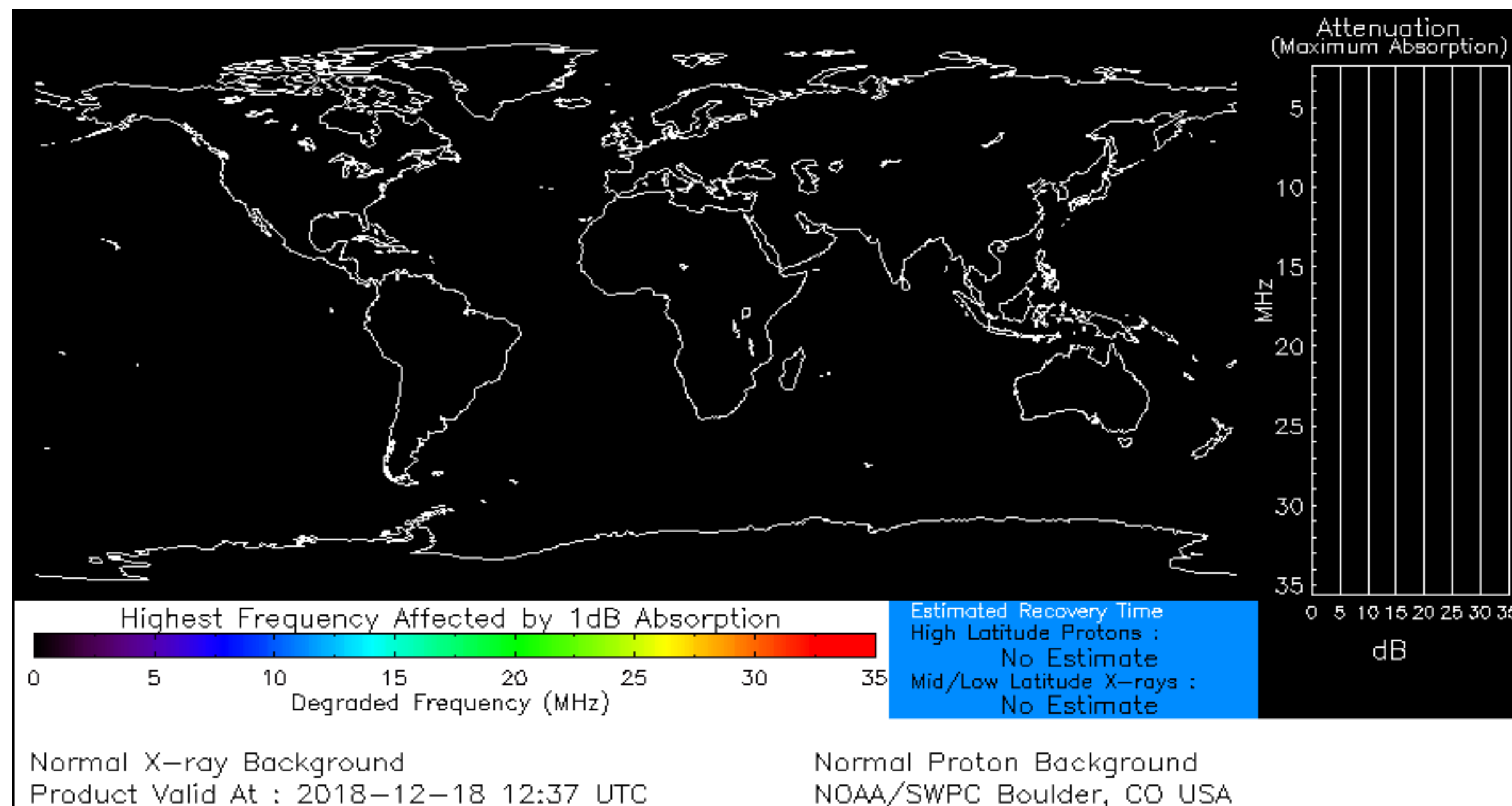
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Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



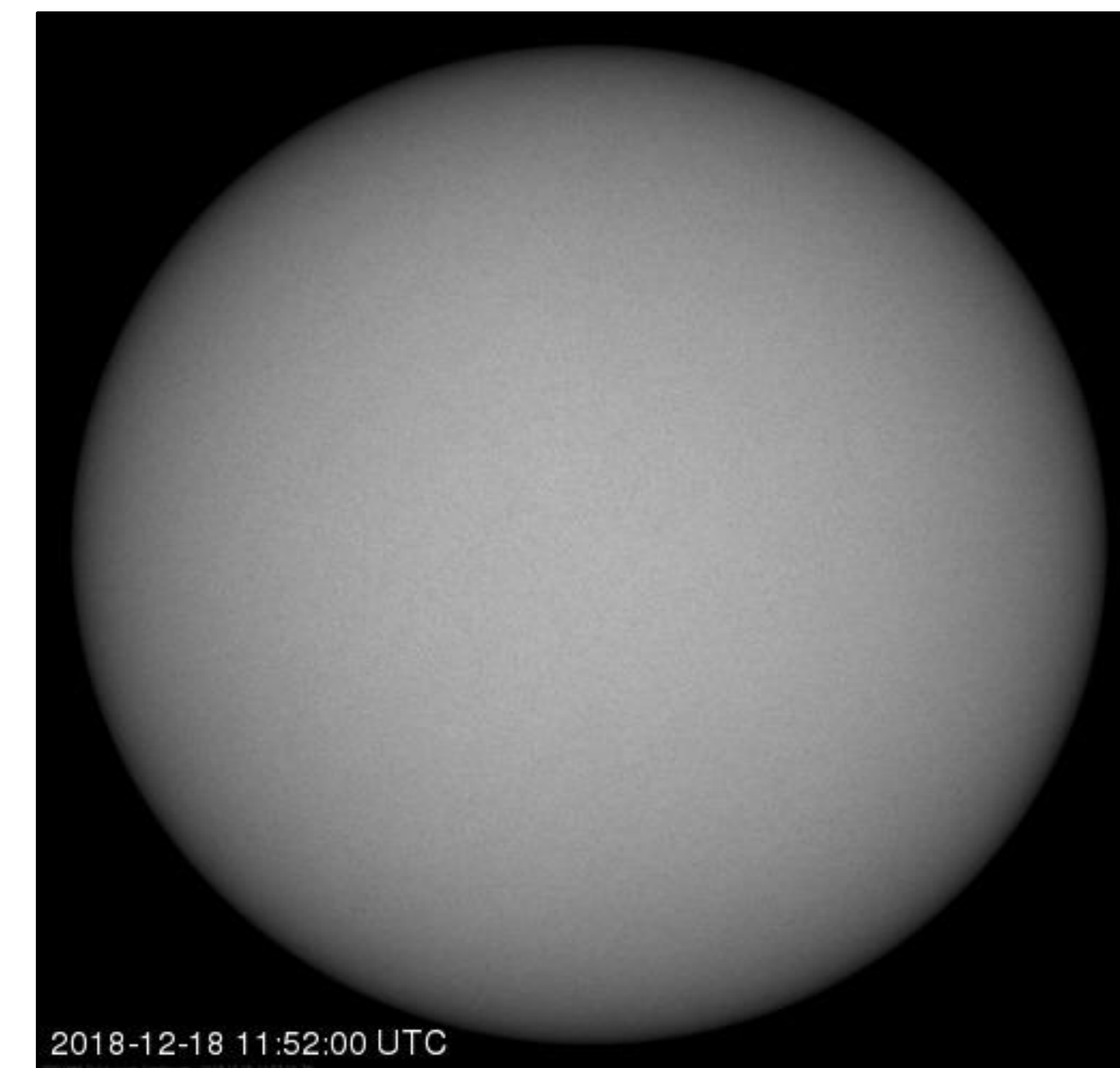
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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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Description of the Space
Weather Storm Scales](#)

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3-Day Space Weather
Forecast Text](#)





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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few treesSomething that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possibleScattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likelyNumerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hailSome large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few daysWidespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hailLarge fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrowWidespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

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